

2009-2010 Montana AmeriCorps Program Portfolio

Grants Awarded



State Formula

Justice for Montanans Project

Award Recipient: Montana Legal Services Association

Award: \$168,723.00

AmeriCorps Members: 13

Contact: Michelle Hauer (406) 442-9830 x33 mhauer@mtlsa.org

The Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) provides free legal assistance in civil cases to low-income people. Our mission is to protect and enhance the civil legal rights of, and promote systemic change for, Montanans living in poverty. To qualify for our services, applicants generally must have income of 125% or less of the federal poverty level and limited assets.

Montana Energy Corps

Award Recipient: National Center for Appropriate Technology

Award: \$131,000.00

AmeriCorps Members: 10

Contact: Holly Hill, (406) 494-4572, hollyh@ncat.org

Montana Energy Corps AmeriCorps is a project of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) that was created to address unmet community energy needs by promoting sustainable energy consumption and education, fostering community sustainability and helping to mitigate the effects of global climate change. Energy Corps members are placed in host organizations in communities throughout Montana to implement solutions for sustainable energy consumption.

Young Adult Service Corps

Award Recipient: Jobs for Montana Graduates Foundation

Award: \$119,771.00

AmeriCorps Members: 100

Contact: Sarah R. Sadowski, (406) 443-2413, ssadowski@jmgf-mt.org

JMGF's Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) engages young adults (ages 17-24) dedicated to volunteer service or addressing a local community needs in their schools and in communities. YASC provides an excellent opportunity for young adults to develop leadership confidence, transferable workplace skills, build their resumes and college applications, all while earning a \$1,000 Education Award.

State Formula- Planning Grants

St. Vincent's Healthcare Foundation

Award Recipient: St. Vincent's Healthcare Foundation

Award: \$30,000

Contact: Doris Barta, Grants Manager, (406) 237-3602, doris.barta@svh-mt.org

To design an AmeriCorps program that will focus on Healthy Futures through Health Education and Health Screening and specifically on Health Literacy.

Secretary of State's Office

Award Recipient: Secretary of State's Office, Civic Outreach

Award: \$29,876

Contact: Hilary Oitzinger, (406) 444-3298, hoitzinger@mt.gov

To design an AmeriCorps program that will address unmet educational and community needs in rural Montana. It will specifically address needs related to the acquisition of civic knowledge and will encourage and support civic engagement such as voting and participating in elections within each community and at the statewide and federal levels.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Award Recipient: Montana State Parks Division

Award: \$30,000

Contact: Roger Semler, Assistant Administrator, (406) 444-3756, rsemler@mt.gov

To design an AmeriCorps program that will strengthen the ability of Montana State Parks to preserve and manage natural and cultural resources by engaging communities, building volunteer capacity and developing leaders with a commitment to stewardship.

Rural Dynamics, Inc.

Award Recipient: Rural Dynamics Incorporated

Award: \$28,608

Contact: Karen Heisler, Asset Development Director, (406) 761-8721, karenh@cccsmt.org

To design an AmeriCorps program that will build strong consumers that increase economic development and the ripple effect on sustainable rural communities. Asset development is a critical component of moving people out of and away from the edge of poverty. Sustainable movement to financial independence requires that change takes place in three areas: Knowledge, Attitude and Behavior.

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Competitive

Montana Conservation Corps

Award Recipient: Montana Conservation Corporation, Inc.

Award: \$1,562,400.00

AmeriCorps Members: 175

ARRA Award (if applicable): \$501,599.00

Recovery AmeriCorps Members: 76

Contact: Jono McKinney, (406)587-4475, jono@mtcorps.org

The Montana Conservation Corps teaches the rewards of service and instills values that carry throughout life. The MCC seeks to achieve its mission by fulfilling two complimentary goals of member development – equipping young people with skills and values – and project completion – performing service projects which have a lasting and beneficial impact on our natural environment and communities.

Montana Campus Compact

Award Recipient: University of Montana Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

Award: \$562,000.00

AmeriCorps Members: 670

ARRA Award (if applicable): \$196,333.00

Recovery AmeriCorps Members: 49

Contact: Dean McGovern, Executive Director, (406) 243-5117, mcgovern@mtcompact.org

This AmeriCorps program places college students from MTCC member institutions with community agencies, non-profit organizations, schools, and healthcare facilities to address Montana's most challenging problems. Campus Corps members serve in the fields of education, human services, public health and safety, the environment, and homeland security.

Grants Received



Administrative Grant

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service from the Corporation for National and Community Service

Award: \$250,00.00 1/01/2010-12/31/2010

Contact: Rebecca Steele, (406) 444-1384, resteele@mt.gov

This grant award is provided to assist the Office of Community Service in carrying out a national service program as authorized by the National and Community Service Act of 1990. The award also funds all activities required of the Montana Commission on Community Service.

Program Development and Technical Assistance (PDAT) Grant

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service from the Corporation for National and Community Service

Award: \$87,750.00 1/01/2010-12/31/2010

Contact: Rebecca Steele, (406) 444-1384, resteele@mt.gov

The PDAT grant allows the Office of Community Service to provide its national service partners program development assistance and training opportunities. The cross-stream training partnership between the Office of Community Service and key partners; Montana Campus Compact, the Office of Public Instruction and the state office of the Corporation for National and Community Service is developed and implemented through this grant.

Disability Grant

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service from the Corporation for National and Community Service

Award: \$97,119.00 1/01/2010-12/31/2010

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Funding from this grant ensures the promotion of individuals with disabilities as valued members within national service. Grant monies provide opportunities for successful selection and retention, educational awareness, training, technical assistance, and reasonable accommodation for members with disabilities in all AmeriCorps service environments.

Learn and Serve America

Award Recipient: Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Award: \$50,814.00 07/01/09-07/01/10

Contact: Mary Ellen Earnhardt, (406) 444-0769, mearnhardt@mt.gov

This grant will assist the OPI in continuing to develop and strengthen the overall Montana Learn and Serve program. The grant will provide for continued support and enhancement of the eight current Learn and Serve Montana sites, provide the direction and opportunity to work with the other OPI initiatives that complement the service-learning model, and provide for the development of an outreach process to disseminate the model to other Montana schools.

Grants Received



FY 08 Citizen Corps Grant

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

Award: \$136,893.00 7/01/2009-12/31/2010

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Citizen Corps grants awarded to the Office of Community Service are used to support the goal of strengthening awareness and preparedness of citizens of Montana. Activities to achieve this goal include conducting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Map Your Neighborhood trainings, producing Fire Ready Montana and Winter Ready Montana campaigns, developing and implementing disaster and emergency preparedness and education programs in K-12 and Higher Education classrooms, and sub-granting to Montana Volunteer Agencies Active in Disaster (MTVOAD) to increase volunteerism in disasters and preparedness across Montana.

FY08 Citizen Corps Special Needs Grant

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

Award: \$114,404.00 7/01/2009-12/31/2010

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Citizen Corps grants awarded to the Office of Community Service are used to support the goal of strengthening awareness and preparedness of citizens of Montana. Inclusion of special needs populations in emergency planning is a national priority of the Department of Homeland Security and a state priority of Montana Disaster and Emergency Services. Activities under the special needs grant include providing information and assistance to county and tribal emergency managers and integration of special needs planning efforts into Citizen Corps and volunteer activities.